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1. In response to your request I have read the attached "Survey of Literature Intelligence (LITINT) Resources and Operations" which was prepared by [redacted]

[redacted] This document has also been discussed with our associates in the PHOTINT, HUMINT and SIGINT Tasking Offices.

2.

[redacted] Inc. has also discussed the topic of "LITINT" with me when we were meeting to discuss paramilitary issues which are of interest to the DCI. The conversation with Mr. [redacted] leads me to conclude that [redacted] would like to refine its approach to the LITINT field in a way which meets Intelligence Community needs. The question of how such an effort would be funded has not been addressed, but it is an unresolved problem if CTS or RMS decides to go forward with such a study.

3. There is agreement among our associates from the HUMINT, SIGINT and PHOTINT disciplines that LITINT can play a more useful role in the future than it has in the past. In my view, however, LITINT should be focused in a way which

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would improve the quality of its support to the production of finished, all-source intelligence. Put another way, LITINT should be harnessed primarily to support on-going collection, production and analytical objectives. This means that there needs to be an improvement in the interface between those who collect and process LITINT and the users of the product. This view is shared by the HUMINT, SIGINT and PHOTINT people.

4. The DCI has articulated an interest in putting into the public domain material which is not classified but which will contribute to public understanding of key policy issues. A contribution to the achievement of that objective could be made by releasing to the public selected items of LITINT which was produced to support the production of all-source intelligence. This is a more modest approach than what was envisioned by the [] people, but in my view it is more cost effective and politically prudent. On the latter point it is my judgment that the Intelligence Community must proceed with caution on what it releases into the public domain out of its production efforts, for no matter how such releases are handled there will be critics who will challenge the purpose behind such a release. This will generate polemics and our ability to minimize the impact of such criticisms will be enhanced if, in the LITINT field, we can say we are releasing data that is overt and was processed as part of the production cycle. In other words, we would be putting a legitimate by-product into the public domain. That should make it clear to the potential critics that we are not releasing data to the public which was produced in order to try and shape U.S. opinions.

5. If the LITINT topic is to be pursued further we should assign this task to our HUMINT people. Given this assignment the HUMINT staff could expand the dialogue with [] and the potential customer community in an attempt to find out what it would cost to make LITINT more useful and how many customers of what kind exist in the Intelligence Community for a tailored LITINT product. If you agree, we will proceed along this line. Please advise.



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The D/DCI/CT has approved your setting up a working group to look at the OSCOL problem. While they are looking at OSCOL, please have them focus on LITINT which is dealt with in the attached.

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